

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The vessel for high-temperature high-pressure steam sterilization is a vessel for accommodating at least an endoscope and performing high-temperature high-pressure steam sterilization, ~~comprising~~ including: an accommodating recess section for accommodating an elongated and thin insertion part of the endoscope having a flexible section; and pressing force preventing ~~means~~ schemes for preventing local pressing forces from being applied to the outer surface of the flexible section when accommodated in the accommodating recess section.